TSUU T'INA NATION

Waste Management/ Transfer Station

Supporting responsible waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and disposal within the community

Reduce Waste • Sort Responsibly • Keeping Our Community Clean



Who We Are

The Tsuu T'ina Nation Waste Management / Transfer Station team provides essential environmental and operational support to the TsuuT'ina Nation community — helping manage waste collection, Transfer Station use, recycling, sorting, and safe disposal.

- A resource for residents with questions on collection, Transfer Station access, accepted materials, bin use, and material separation.
- Support for daily site operations, proper sorting, reduced contamination, and practices that keep waste out of the landfill.
- Guided by the responsibility to protect Tsuu T'ina lands for current and future generations.

What We Do

TsuuT'ina Waste Management/Transfer Station

OPERATIONS

- Coordinate and support waste collection services — schedules, bin use, and collection area concerns
- Operate and maintain Transfer Station areas for safe, organized, responsible disposal
- Guide proper sorting of garbage, recyclables, reusable items, bulky items, and yard waste
- Monitor site cleanliness, waste stream separation, and safe use of disposal areas
- Provide community education on reducing, reusing, recycling, and responsible disposal
- Assist with disposal direction for household waste, large items, and scrap materials

Services We Provide

WASTE COLLECTION

Mixed Recycling: paper, cardboard, plastics, bottles, and metal tins.

Household Waste: bagged garbage.

Furniture: mattresses, couches, chairs.

Wood: small trees, branches, tables, dressers, lumber.

Tires: rims removed

Metal: small car parts, barbeques, rims, washers and dryers.

Freon Appliances: fridges, water coolers, freezers, air conditioning units

Acceptable HHW: used paint, used oil, propane tanks.

E-waste: electronics, TV's, power tools, game consols, computers.

Donation Bin: reusable items, including slightly used clothing, household goods.

The Journey that we took to get here



Tsuut'ina has made many positive changes to the operations of the transfer station. Under the current leadership of Public Works Managers Site Supervisor Moira Meguinis the site has become an example for other Nations.

March 1, 2019 comment from Shannon Ripley Compost Expert "WOW Moira this is one of the most organized transfer stations I have ever seen!"



Started out with a sledge hammer, wheelbarrow, dolly, and screwdriver.

Managed operations as Site Supervisor under Infrastructure until 2021.

Promoted to Waste Manager in 2021.

Made the case for our own department, independent of Infrastructure, with its own funding.

Where we are today

- We now run Transfer Station operations and waste collection for the Nation
- Large bulky item pick-up for community members who can't haul items themselves
- Mixed recycling bins now at all 5 mailbox locations across the Nation
- Soon we'll haul our own Transtor bin waste, the Nation's waste collection service
- Now accepting used oil, used paint, and propane tanks
- Freon removed in-house, with TSAG helping us earn certification
- Each step brings us closer to full independence





Transfer Station Site Overview

Access road, bin area, site office and open grounds







Organized Even on Busy Days

Even through our busiest days, we do our best to keep the site and operations clean and organized.














Transfer Station Site and Bins

Mixed recycling bins at 2 of the 5 mailbox locations











Transfer Station Entrance

Reusable items for community members, first come, first served












Unacceptable Items in Bins & Large Bulky Item Pick-Up

The daily challenges that keep us sharp, and the hazards that come with the job










Good Stories and Community Engagement

Pow Wow info booth with TSAG, open house volunteer clean-up, 3-stage recycling and compost bins for commercial buildings, 2nd-year youth bike donation, a new team member, and our first Thrift Fair with TSAG's help.







New Equipment Additions

Work truck, flat deck trailer, modified C-can for used oil, and excavator













How You Can Help

Three simple habits that keep our community clean



RECYCLE

Place clean recyclable materials in the designated recycling bins.

- Clean bottles, cans, and plastic containers
- Paper and cardboard
- Empty, rinse, and keep materials dry
- Metal tins and aluminum foil
- Glass jars and bottles
- Cartons and newspapers



REUSE

Consider reuse options for items still in good condition.

- Repair items when possible
- Donate clothing, furniture, and household items
- Repurpose containers, jars, and supplies
- Bikes, toys, and sports gear
- Working appliances and tools
- Books and kitchenware



DISPOSE

Place garbage and non-recyclable materials in the proper disposal area.

- Soiled packaging
- Bagged garbage
- Broken or unusable items
- Diapers and hygiene products
- Broken glass and ceramics

Phased Year-by-Year Planning

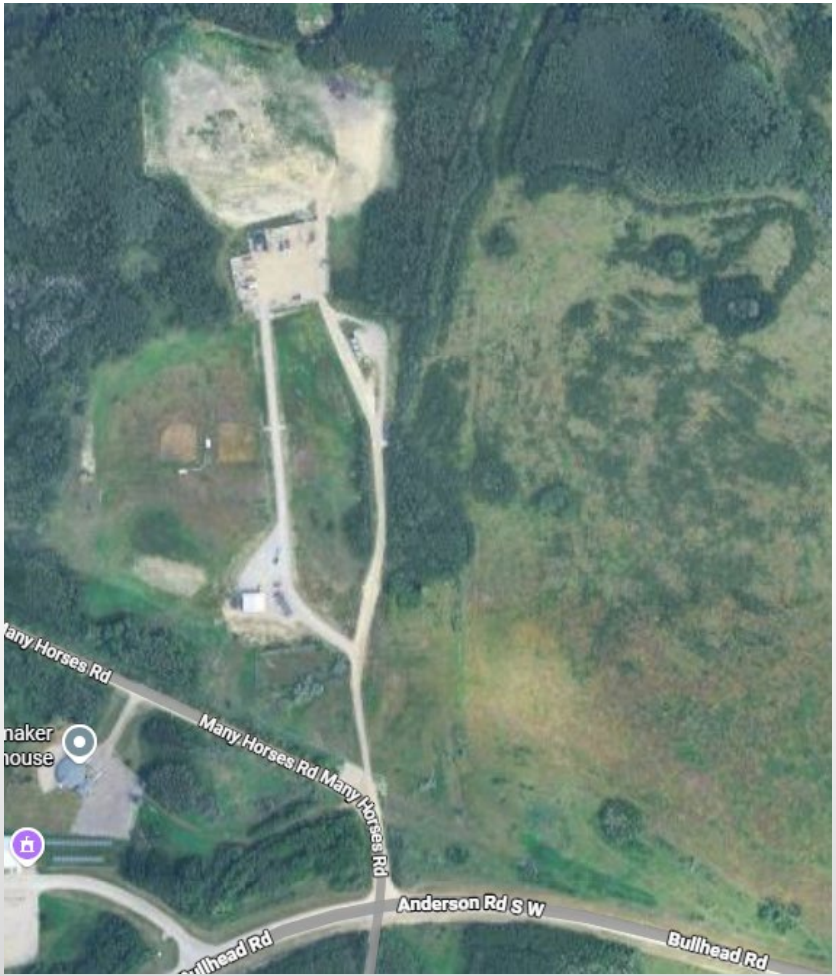
Quotes and 2018 pricing

Phase One 2012 - 2024	Phase Two 2024 - 2027	Phase Three 2027 - 2029	Phase Four 2029 - 2031	Phase Five 2031 - TBD
ISC Funding $325,000 (Allocated for new Garbage Truck) $150,000 (Allocated for new building)	**ISC Funding** TBD	**ISC Funding** TBD	**ICS Funding** TBD	**Tsuut'ina Funding** TBD
Tsuut'ina Funding (Allocated for new building) $100,000 $36,800 (Purchased Garbage Truck)	**Tsuut'ina Funding** TBD	**Tsuut'ina Funding** TBD	**Tsuut'ina Funding** TBD	**Requesting:** Tire Recycling Plant Estimate Cost $1.7million
Purchased: New-Front Loader Garbage Truck Cost $361,809	**Required:** Track-Hoe Excavator $136,700 - $250,000	**Required:** Cable hook roll off truck Cost $217,900	**Requesting:** Scale Cost $90,000	**Requesting:** Plastic Recycling Plant Cost TBD
Required: Infrastructure Building Power Cost $20,000 Water Cost $19,000 Septic Cost $33,000	**Required:** Semi-Truck & Trailer 53ft Live Walking Floor $319,900	**Required:** 40-yard bins Cost $43,800	**Requesting:** Scale Software System Cost $25,000	
Required: Equipment Storage (Megadome Structure) Cost $50,000	**Required:** Open window compost system Cost $50,000	**Required:** New Fence Line expansion Cost $82,000	**Requesting:** Shredder System Cost $637,000	
Required: New entrance road for expansion lot cost $500,00	**Required:** Water source for compost Cost $180,000			
Required: New Berms (relocated and remodeled) Cost still to be determined				

Vison for Tsuut’ina Waste Transfer Station

We will deliver leadership in sustainable waste management through an independent and environmentally responsive programs and services that:

Provide employment for community members
Maximize beneficial reuse of waste;
Educate the membership on environmentally sound waste management practices
Develop the capability to meet or exceed environmental standards required to be leaders in waste management;
Maintain solid waste management services to members and other customers;
Strike a balance between strategic risk and successful business operations;
Explore expansion and marketing opportunities in the context of strategic management of risk.



Waste Management Vision & Mission

Vision Statement

To create a cleaner, greener future by promoting responsible waste management and maximizing recycling, ensuring a sustainable environment for generations to come.

"We do not inherit the earth from our Ancestors, We borrow it from our Children."

— Crazy Horse

Mission Statement

We promote a cleaner environment through responsible waste management and recycling. Our mission is to reduce landfill waste, recover resources, and foster sustainable habits.

We aim to:

- Minimize landfill waste using reduction strategies.
- Promote reuse and recycling to conserve resources.
- Educate our community on proper waste sorting and recycling.
- Work with partners to advance circular economy efforts.
- Continuously improve processes to meet sustainability targets and regulations.

Through these actions, we strive to help build a sustainable future where waste is limited, resources are valued, and the planet is preserved.

Questions? Ask Our Staff

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Thank you for supporting responsible collection, recycling, sorting, and safe disposal practices.